

CONDEMN METHODS OF STANDARD OIL

Scandalous Rebate System, Commissioner Says, Not Yet Wiped Out.

ITS MONOPOLY IS ABSOLUTE

History and Operation of Company Laid Bare, Showing Many Iniquities—Started With Rockefeller and Has Stifled Competition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.—That the history and present operation of the Standard Oil interests "shows throughout the past thirty-five years a substantial monopolization of the petroleum industry of the country, a deliberate destruction of competition, and a consequent control of that industry by less than a dozen men, who have reaped enormous profits therefrom," largely through abuse of transportation facilities, is charged in a report just submitted to President Roosevelt by Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith. Part I. of the report was made public to-day, and other parts will follow. Certain information acquired is withheld for the present, in accordance with instructions of the President, who feels that their publication might interfere with the prosecution of the government's suits pending against the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiary companies.

The report contains the net results of a study of the petroleum business during the year 1904. It is the first official statement of the operations and methods of the Standard Oil Company, by which, the report states, the "scandalous railway discriminations and other unlawful devices, they have secured and maintained an exclusive domination of the petroleum industry."

In Complete Control.
It is stated that in 1904 the Standard and affiliated concerns "refined over 84 per cent. of the crude oil run through refineries; produced more than 86 per cent. of the country's total output of illuminating oil; maintained a similar proportion of the export trade in illuminating oil, and transported through pipe lines nearly nine-tenths of the crude oil of the older fields and 98 per cent. of the crude oil of the mid-continent fields."

The report points out that the monopoly enjoyed by the company does not rest in the ownership of the source of the oil supply, which amounts only to about one-sixth of the total, but "that its growth and present power rest primarily on the control of transportation facilities."

Secret Rebate System.

After the railroad rebate was abandoned, the company, the report continues, was able to establish a system of secret or open discriminations of rates in its favor throughout practically the entire country. Having established its monopoly of the pipe line business, the company substantially refuses to act as a common carrier.

It is shown that the Standard controls not only the wholesale, but also the retail trade in oil.

In conclusion, the report says: "It is apparent that the dominating position of the Standard Oil Company in the oil industry has largely been secured by the abuse of transportation facilities; first, by flagrant discriminations obtained from railroads; second, by a refusal to operate its pipe line system as to extend to independent interests the benefits to which they are both morally and legally entitled, while at the same time the Standard has prevented such independent interests from constructing lines of their own."

Controlled All Sales.
The report says that the Standard Oil and affiliated concerns in 1904 secured over 88 per cent. of the sales of illuminating oil to retail dealers throughout the country, and obtained in certain large sections as high as 92 per cent. of such sales. It also controlled practically similar proportions of the production and marketing of gasoline and oil. The Standard's only competitors in the refining business are about seventy-five small refineries, whose total consumption of crude oil is less than that of a single one of the Standard, the Bayonne refinery, and less than one-fifth of the Standard's total consumption.

Over fifty of these competitors are dependent for their supply of crude oil upon the Standard pipe lines, and are so restricted by this dependence as to be capable of little effective competition or growth.

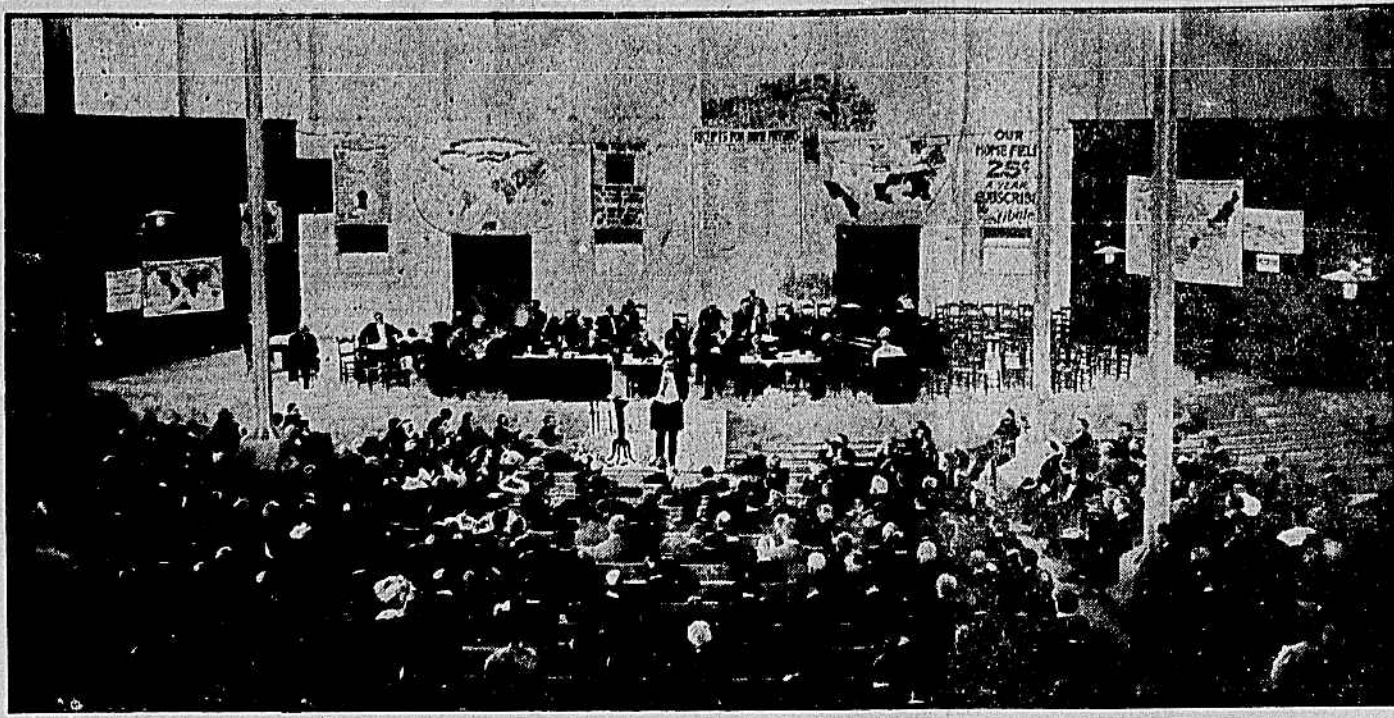
In the pipe line business of the east, and mid-continent fields it has up to the present but one competitor of any significance, the Pure Oil Company, and that its competitor's pipe line business is not more than one-twentieth of that of the Standard.

Begun With Rockefeller.
The report points out that throughout the entire history of this concern, from 1867 to the present, there has been absolute continuity of control by a few individuals. There has been apparent throughout their operations a definite, persistent policy of exclusive domination. Starting with the partnership of Rockefeller, Andrews and Plunger, formed in 1877, the report says that in 1882 the capitalization of the trust was \$70,000,000, appraised valuation \$55,000,000, and that nine men acting as trustees, owned together at that time \$18,000,000 out of \$70,000,000 of the trust certificates issued.

The nine men were John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Plunger, Charles Pratt, O. H. Payne, William Rockefeller, J. A. Bostwick, W. G. Garden, John D. Archbold and Benjamin Brewster. The outstanding stock of this company is now about \$95,000,000.

Besides a business of transportation facilities, additional means of domination have been local price discrimination and other unfair competitive methods in the sale of products, as well as in the elimination of the job-

SCENE IN BAPTIST CONVENTION LOOKING TOWARD PLATFORM



SCHMITZ TURNS ON HIS PROSECUTORS

Says Judge Who Is to Try Him Is Disqualified by Prejudice and Bias.

CLAIMS DUNNE IS IN DEAL

Mayor Makes Sweeping Charges Against Men Who Investigated Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—District Attorney Langdon was served by Mayor Schmitz's attorneys to-day with notices of a motion for substitution of a trial judge on the ground that Judge Frank H. Dunne is disqualified by bias and prejudice.

Accompanying and supporting this motion is a lengthy affidavit by Schmitz in which charges are made against Rudolph Spreckels, his associates in the bribery graft prosecution, and Judge Dunne himself. Schmitz is charged jointly with Abraham Ruef with extorting money from French restaurants. Ruef last week pleaded guilty.

Among Schmitz's allegations are the following:

That Mr. Spreckels and the associates who are with him, the financial guarantors of the bribery graft investigation and prosecution, long since exhausted the original fund of \$100,000 pledged by Spreckels, and have expended nearly one million dollars in a municipal purification campaign; that the expenditure of this vast sum of money is by way of an investment, from which actual moneyed returns are expected; that Spreckels and his prosecuting associates desire and purport to overthrow the present municipal administration, in order that they themselves may resume the reins of government and procure for themselves street railway and water franchises, which will net them millions of dollars of the public money; that Judge Dunne is aware of this intent and purpose, and is therewith in accord; that the conviction of Schmitz is desired as a means to this end, and that it is the wish of Judge Dunne that to procure such conviction; that for these and various other reasons, the same as set forth recently by Abraham Ruef in his application for a substitute trial judge, it is impossible for Schmitz to have a fair and impartial trial at Judge Dunne's hands.

The grand jury will reconvene to-morrow, and it is stated by the prosecuting attorney's office that a number of indictments based upon the testimony of Abraham Ruef may be expected before the end of the week.

HOME BURNED WHILE AWAY

Orange Baptist Parsonage Destroyed by an Afternoon Fire.

ORANGE, VA., May 19.—The Orange Baptist parsonage was destroyed by fire this evening about 5 o'clock. The fire originated in the kitchen from a defective flue, and was not discovered till too late to check its progress. Some of the household effects were saved, but Mr. Flanagan's valuable library was a total loss. Mr. Flanagan is now in Richmond attending the Southern Baptist Convention. The loss is estimated at between \$2,500 and \$3,000, with \$1,800 insurance.

RAILWAY TRAINMEN WILL ADJOURN TO-DAY

ATLANTA, GA., May 19.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which has been in biennial session here for the past ten days, expects to complete its business to-morrow afternoon, when adjournment will be taken. Several matters yet remain to be acted upon, including the selection of the next meeting place. Des Moines, Ia.; Columbus, O., and Chicago are the principal contestants for this honor, but it is generally conceded that the choice lies between Columbus and Des Moines. The ballot for the grand executive board will be announced Monday morning.

PRESIDENT HEARS VIRGINIAN PREACH

Roosevelt Family Attends Divine Service at Christ Church, Near Glendower.

SHOOK THE RECTOR'S HAND

Held Reception Outside and Thanked Choir for Its Special Music.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 19.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt spent an exceedingly quiet day to-day. The weather was the hottest of the season, the morning being very sultry. After a good old Virginia breakfast, prepared by Lottie Copeland, one of the best cooks at Plain Dealing, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Archie struck out across the fields to William Wilmer's home, which is in sight of the hunting lodge. Here they remained until time for luncheon. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the President, Mrs. Roosevelt and Archie, accompanied by Joseph and William Wilmer, attended services at Christ Church, some two miles from Glendower. The trip was made in a two-seated rig from Plain Dealing. The church was reached shortly before services began, and the party occupied pews which had been reserved for them, about midway the building.

The sermon, by Rev. J. J. Cleeton, of Casanova, Fauquier county, was an excellent one. Both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt joined heartily in the service, the President's responses being very distinct. At the close of service the President greeted the rector very cordially, and also thanked the members of the choir for the music rendered. On the outside he held quite a reception, nearly every member of the congregation coming forward to shake his hand. With some whom he had met on former visits to the little church he chatted quite freely. Little Archie, pale and thin from his recent illness, was the object of much attention from the ladies. Before returning to Pine Knot, the party continued the service, led by Major Herriman, of Atlanta.

Secret Service Guard Sloan was also present at the services. Assistant Secretary Latta had no message whatever to-day from the President.

RUSTIC BEDS AT PINE KNOT

President's Virginia Home Simple and Equipment; Cheap to a Degree.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 19.—Two tourists, wandering about Albemarle county, happened at Pine Knot the day before the President arrived there. They had done palaces with Baedeker in hand, and had looked upon royalty in many places. Loyal to the traveler's instinct to see the whole show, they climbed into an open window and viewed the Hubertusstock of the West. The first floor consists of a single large room, probably 40x20 feet. From this room to the two above is a stairway of a primitive pattern, not even boxed in. The room into which this stairway leads is a large, airy room, furnished with a double bed of cheap style, an oak bureau that cost a few dollars, a washstand of the plainest kind, probably worth a dollar and a half, and a goods box cheaply tricked out as a table.

This is the royal bedchamber, separated from the next room by a partition of undressed lumber. Here the young Prince Archie of the House of Roosevelt has choice of two single beds as his place of dreams. The distinguishing feature in the furnishing of this room is a foot square mirror set into the brick face of the chimney. Another rustic touch in the picture is the long-handled gourd which hangs on the wall over an ordinary cedar bucket and takes the place of tankard or drinking horn. An outdoor note, characteristic of the solitude, was a ground hog, which the tourists saw foraging in a few yards of the cabin White House.

VANDERBILT PLANS BIG MOUNTAIN LAKE

Owner of Biltmore to Rival Toxaway and Create New Resort.

WILL LEASE WATER POWER

Likely to Form Hunting Club With Sixty Thousand Acres of Land.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 19.—George W. Vanderbilt has decided to consider propositions for the leasing of the water-power of the Davidson River, on the Biltmore estate, near Brevard, and it is understood that State Senator W. B. Brees, Jr., of Brevard, will act as his agent in the matter of negotiating water-power leases.

In connection with the leasing of water-power, the owner of Biltmore proposes to build a huge dam, which would create a lake on the estate about four miles long and three-quarters of a mile broad. Such a lake would rival the celebrated Toxaway Lake, and it is said to be Mr. Vanderbilt's purpose to build a number of cottages on its shores, whose location in the midst of the vast Pisgah forest would be highly attractive as summer homes.

Should the lake be created there is every prospect of the formation of a hunting club, to lease the celebrated Biltmore game preserves which consist of some 60,000 acres of forest land.

SALVATION MEN IN THE PULPIT

Army Dedicates Citadel and Officers Preach in Churches.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 19.—A special to the State from Greenville, says: The Salvation Army citadel, the first in the South, was dedicated here this afternoon. Colonel Holz, head of the department, conducted the service, assisted by Major Herriman, of Atlanta, with other officers from Augusta, Spartanburg and elsewhere. Two thousand people were present. The citadel is complete and cost \$5,000. Many pulpits in the city to-day were occupied by army officers.

WHITE MAN SHOT AT NEGRO GAME

Colored Man Who Ran to His Assistance Likewise Killed.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 19.—G. G. Richardson, a plantation overseer, was shot and instantly killed while watching a negro baseball game in Jefferson Parish to-day. A negro named Lewis was killed while trying to support the dying overseer, Jesse Clark, the negro who did the shooting, made his escape to this city, and has not yet been captured. Richardson and a few white men, it is said, forcibly upbraided a negro woman for her actions at the game, when Clark began shooting. The overseer and his companions returned the fire.

SLEEPING MAN ROASTED ALIVE

Negro Cremated in Fire that Damaged Property in Berkeley Ward.

NORFOLK, VA., May 19.—Fire in Berkeley Ward early this morning destroyed the machine shop of Wood & Clark, George H. Froy's carpet cleaning establishment, and the paint and toolhouse of W. E. Thomas and Company's marine railway. Henry Wilkinson, a negro, who was asleep in the carpet cleaning place, was burned to death, his body having been almost completely consumed by the flames. All the property destroyed by the fire is estimated to have been worth \$15,000. The Norfolk fire department assisted the Berkeley men in fighting the flames.

STAR WITNESS IN TRIAL OF HAYWOOD

Former Sheriff Sutherland, Pioneer of West, Appears for the State.

HE IDENTIFIED ORCHARD

Work of Securing Jury Will Proceed To-Day, But Task is Difficult.

BOISE, IDAHO, May 19.—Several of the more important witnesses summoned in behalf of the State in the trial of William D. Haywood, for alleged participation in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg, arrived at Boise to-day. The prosecution had hoped by this time that a trial jury would have been impaneled, but it is now evident that all twelve seats in the jury box will not be satisfactorily filled for several days. When court adjourned Saturday afternoon, the attorneys for the prosecution and the defense were trying to fill a vacancy caused by the exercise of the State's fifth peremptory challenge. The defense still has six of its ten arbitrary challenges available, and the State has five more challenges to its credit. The work of jury selection will be taken up again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Only twenty-six members of the special venire of 100 remain, and there is speculation as to whether the trial panel will be completed before the talesmen are exhausted.

If it is not, there will be a delay of several days while Sheriff Hodgins gets a new set of men from the country. Perhaps the most interesting of the State's witnesses who arrived to-day was former Sheriff Angus Sutherland, of Shoshone county, a Scotchman by birth, but a pioneer of the American Far West. Sutherland is quiet, unassuming, modest, typical of the stern, reserved men of the law and order days of the frontier. He is intimate with the Custer d'Alene troubles, the result of many exciting personal experiences, and was the man who identified Harry Orchard while the latter was held as a suspect after Governor Steunenberg was killed.

SON OF TURKEY WON THE MEDAL

Medical Student at University Awarded Honor in Society Contest.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 19.—The annual contest for the orator's medal in the Washington Literary Society of the University of Virginia took place last night, and the honor was won by Halikazon K. Kaprielian, of Cosara, Turkey, a student in the third-year class in the medical department. There were four other contestants. The judges were Professor Thomas Fitzhugh, Professor W. H. Hoek and Mr. John S. Patton. The annual debate in the same society for the debater's medal resulted in the award of the medal to Mr. Geentry Hodges, of Jonesboro, Tenn., a student in the graduate department. There were five other contestants. The judges were Professors Payne, Echols and Wayland.

CLAIMS MURDER WAS DELIBERATE

Prosecutor Asks that Assassins of Barrillas Receive Death Penalty.

MEXICO CITY, May 19.—Declaring that Florencio Morales and Bernardo Mora, Guatemalans, are guilty of the wife assassination of General Manuel Barrillas, and that the murder was done with premeditation, with malice aforethought, and in a most treacherous manner, the public prosecutor formally petitioned the court before which the case was tried to pronounce the death sentence upon the prisoners. The bitter arraignment of the accused and the demand for the death penalty, coming at this stage of the proceedings, have created a sensation here, and the action of the court is anticipated with tremendous interest.

Great Meeting of Laymen; Women to Build School

Baptists Assemble in Record-Breaking Congregations, Discuss Work, Raise Money and Hear Fine Addresses.

52D CONVENTION WILL COME TO END WITH SESSION TO-NIGHT

Final Gathering of Delegates and Visitors Will Probably Be Largest of All—Convention Most Notable in History of Body—Summary of Work Done.

With the meetings of to-day the fifty-second session of the Southern Baptist Convention will come to a close after the most remarkable series of gatherings in the history of the denomination. In many respects the convention will mark an epoch for the Baptists of the South.

Yesterday there were no business sessions, but many interesting matters engaged the attention of the assembled thousands. Nearly all the pulpits in Richmond and Manchester were filled, morning and night, by the visiting ministers, and it is certain that larger congregations were never seen in the churches.

In the afternoon several great mass-meetings were held simultaneously. Next to the gathering of laymen, the most thrilling of these was that conducted by the women at the Second Baptist Church. It was "Missionary Day" for the Woman's Missionary Union, and an enthusiastic meeting it was. The ease with which the women raised a sum in excess of \$10,000 for the Missionary Training School was remarkable. Another woman's meeting was held in the Leigh Street Baptist Church, and was addressed by one of the ablest and most successful woman workers in the field of home missions.

The great laymen's meeting was held at the First Baptist Church, no ministers being allowed to take part in the proceedings. The new enterprise, the organization of a laymen's union for the purpose of enlarging the denominational work, was practically launched. The convention will take action on this matter to-day, and will doubtless endorse the movement. Another great meeting was held at the Grove Avenue Church in the interest of evangelism in the home mission field. It was very largely attended, and was addressed by some of the ablest ministers in the denomination.

The concluding sessions to-day will be among the most interesting yet held. The final rally to-night will likely call forth the largest attendance yet seen.

GREATEST OF ALL SESSIONS LAYMEN HOLD BIG MEETING

Present Convention One of Most Remarkable in History of Body. Distinguished Visitors Deliver Addresses in Interests of New Movement.

A notable gathering of the laymen in attendance on the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Baptist laymen of the city was held yesterday afternoon at the Second Baptist Church, the large First Baptist Church. The meeting throughout was notable for the deep spiritual tone and the earnestness, both of the prayers and speeches. A depth of religious conviction, seldom exhibited, was felt throughout the body, the meeting proving quite the climax of the convention series. Ex-Governor Northern of Georgia, president, and among the speakers were Hon. Moray Williams, of New York City; Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, and Mr. J. Harry Tyler, of the same city.

The meeting was opened by the hearty singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," led by a large male choir. The whole audience rose and sang, the great roll of men's voices even excelling the singing in the convention. The galleries as well as the main floor were filled with men, double rows standing at the back. Under the leadership of the powerful organ of the First Church, the roll of the great hymn was something to inspire any audience. Mr. Will D. Upshaw, editor of the Golden Age, of Atlanta, Ga., led in most moving and manly prayer, which took hold of all hearts.

Keynote of Meeting.
Again the great organ pealed out, this time, without announcement, the whole audience rising to the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Truly the body was, as Mr. Upshaw expressed it, "powerful as an army with banners." Prayer followed, led by Dr. Henderson, president of the Bristol Female Institute. It was an earnest thanksgiving for the blessings of a Christian nation. Special thanks were given that the Chief Executive of the nation, and those in authority were men of profound religious conviction.

Another strong battle hymn followed: "The morning light is breaking." "The darkness disappears." "The sons of earth are waking." "To potential tears." The hymn proved to be quite the keynote of the meeting. The belief that the morning light was indeed breaking, that the light of the gospel was spreading throughout the earth, pervaded every speech, and every prayer of the meeting.

President R. G. Lowry, of the Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, led in prayer, after which Mr. Levering took the platform and, after announcements, set forth the objects of the meeting, stating that the leaders were thinking only of the coming of the kingdom in the hearts of men. The chairman said that it was not intended to make invidious distinctions between the ministry and laity, or between home and foreign missions. The movement was broader, and deeper than these limitations, and embraced all classes.

Governor Northern told of the celebration of the famous Haystack Centennial on the 13th and 14th of last November. He stated that the meeting was most fortunate to have with it, the Baptist layman who had caught the conception and had issued the call for that meeting.

Mr. Williams Speaks.
Here Governor Northern stated that he saw in front of him a layman who was giving \$25,000 a year, supporting ten missionaries in Japan and ten in China, besides educating scores of young men for the ministry. This act, Governor Northern said, was known to but one other man in the convention

(Continued on Sixth Page.)

(Continued on Third Page.)